

Application No. 10/783,177

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a. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 (Original). An artist's color chart device, comprising:
 - (a) a board portion having a paintable upper surface;
 - (b) a flexible, removable, disposable, peel-off upper sheet portion comprising an adhesive on its lower face, the upper sheet portion being removably attachable to the upper surface of the board portion; and
 - (c) a plurality of similarly shaped apertures arranged in a plurality of spaced apart rows and generally vertical columns in the upper sheet portion.
- 2 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 1, further comprising a plurality of spaced apart outlined shapes marked on the upper surface of the board portion, the outlined shapes having substantially the same shape and arrangement as the apertures; and wherein the apertures overlie the outlined shapes when the upper sheet portion is attached to the board portion.
- 3 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 1, wherein the upper sheet portion is divided into peel-off strips, each strip being individually removable from the board portion.
- 4 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 2, wherein the board portion and upper sheet portion are each generally rectangular in shape, and the rows generally extend horizontally.

5 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 4, wherein the upper sheet portion is removably attached along one edge to a corresponding edge of the board portion.

6 (Currently amended). The color chart device according to Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 2, wherein the apertures and outlined shapes are generally rectangular in shape.

7 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 4, wherein there are five or seven of the rows, and between eight and twelve of the columns.

8 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 1, further comprising a removable cover panel attached along one edge to a corresponding edge of the board portion for covering the upper surface of the board portion.

9 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 1, wherein the board portion and upper sheet portion are each generally circular in shape.

10 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 9, wherein the apertures are arranged in an annular arrangement of columns, each successive row of apertures decreasing in size, with the largest apertures closest to a periphery of the board portion, and the smallest apertures adjacent a center of the board portion.

11 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 10, further comprising a circular central hole in the center of the board portion, the central hole having at least a two inch diameter.

12 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 9, wherein the upper sheet portion is divided into peel-off strips, each strip being individually removable from the board portion.

13 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 12, wherein the apertures are arranged in an annular arrangement of columns, with a generally circular central hole through the color chart device.

14 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 12, further comprising a blank first line above each of the columns on the board portion for labeling a dominant color for each column.

15 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 2, wherein the upper sheet portion is one-piece and made of a transparent or translucent material.

16 (Original). The color chart device according to Claim 15, wherein the apertures are slightly smaller than the outlined shapes, providing a stepped, outlined appearance to the final painted shapes.

17 (Currently amended). A removable sheet device for guiding lines in an artist's color chart, the sheet device comprising: a plurality of apertures arranged in a plurality of spaced apart rows and generally vertical columns on a flexible sheet of material, and an adhesive on a lower face of the sheet of material between the apertures; the sheet of material being divided into peel-off strips, each strip being individually removable from the rest of the sheet; the sheet device being removably attachable to an upper surface of an ~~artist's~~ artist's board.

18 (Original). The sheet device according to Claim 17, wherein the sheet of material is circular in shape.

19 (Original). The sheet device according to Claim 18, wherein the peel-off strips are divided from one another by at least one perforated line extending through the sheet of material between at least two of the columns of apertures.

20 (Original). The sheet device according to Claim 17, further comprising a peel-off sheet of paper backing covering the adhesive lower face of the sheet of material.

21 (Original). A method of using an artist's color chart device, comprising the steps of:

- (a) painting in the outlined shapes on the board portion, which are exposed by the apertures, with a related series of graduated color values within each column, with a different color series in each of the columns;
- (b) detaching the upper sheet portion from the board portion and disposing of it; and
- (c) allowing the painted board portion to dry.

22 (Original). The method according to Claim 21, further comprising an initial step of: (a1) removably attaching an upper sheet portion to a board portion so that a plurality of apertures on the upper sheet portion correspond to and overlay a plurality of corresponding outlined shapes on the board portion, the apertures and the outlined shapes being in the same arrangement of spaced apart rows and generally vertical columns as one another.

23 (Original). The method according to Claim 21, wherein step (c) further comprises peeling off the upper sheet portion a strip at a time, the upper sheet portion being divided into adjacent peel-off strips.